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	Examiner TIMOTHY J. THOMPSON	Art Unit 2873	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-55 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22, 24, 30, 35, 38, 42, 44, 45 and 51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23, 25-29, 31-34, 36, 37, 39-41, 43, 46-50 and 52-55 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 22-55 are objected to because of the following informalities: because they do not contain open or closed wording such as “comprising” or “consisting of”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 22, 24, 30, 35, 38, 42, 44, 45, 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Keller et al.(U.S. Pat. No. 6,473,247).

Regarding claims 22, 35 Keller discloses device for connecting an optical element(fig 1, 10) to a mount of an objective(fig 1, 16), the optical element being connected to the mount via connecting members arranged on the circumference of the optical element(fig 4, 14A), and the mount axis of the optical element being inclined at an angle to the direction of the weight force, characterized in that in order to compensate the weight force of the optical element at least one spring element(fig 4, 14B since the lens mount can be placed with the spring at the bottom then the spring will compensate for the weight)via which the optical element is held on a housing part of the objective is provided in addition.to the connecting members.

Regarding claim 24, Keller discloses characterized in that in addition to being provided for compensating the dead weight, the at least one spring element is also provided for compensating a tilting error(since the spring(fig 4, 14b) holds the lens in place it inherently prevents tilting)

Regarding claim 30, Keller discloses characterized in that the at least one spring element is arranged on the optical .element in a fashion perpendicular to an optical axis of the optical element(fig 4).

Regarding claim 38, Keller discloses characterized in that the at least one holding element is designed as a spring element, its spring force essentially producing no change in position of the optical element during creeping of the Optical element(since the pegs are unmovable the spring will not alter the position of the lens due to creeping).

Regarding claim 42, Keller discloses device for connecting an optical element(fig 1, 10) to a mount of an objective(fig 1, 16), the optical element being connected to the mount via connecting members arranged on the circumference of the optical element(fig 4, 14A), and the mount axis of the optical element being inclined at an angle to the direction of the weight force, characterized in that in order to compensate the weight force of the optical element at least one spring element(fig 4, 14B since the lens mount can be placed with the spring at the bottom then the spring will compensate for the weight) via which the optical element is held on a housing part of the objective is provided in addition.to the connecting members, characterized in that the force exerted

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on the optical element by the holding element remains approximately constant in the event of small deflections of the optical element (since the spring force will remain constant over small deflections).

Regarding claim 44, Keller discloses characterized in that in addition to being provided for compensating the dead weight, the at least one spring element is also provided for compensating a tilting error(since the spring(fig 4, 14b) holds the lens in place it inherently prevents tilting)

Regarding claim 45, Keller discloses characterized in that the at least one holding element is designed as a spring element, its spring force essentially producing no change in position of the optical element during creeping of the Optical element(since the pegs are unmovable the spring will not alter the position of the lens due to creeping).

Regarding claim 51, Keller discloses characterized in that the at least one holding element is arranged on the optical element in a fashion perpendicular to an optical axis of the optical element(fig 4).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23, 25-29, 31-34, 36, 37, 39-41, 43, 46-50, 52-55 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY J. THOMPSON whose telephone number is (571)272-2342. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 6:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mack Ricky can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Timothy J Thompson/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2873